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To: Michael Powell

From: John Kane

Date: 5/29/03Re: FCC "RULE CHANGES"☐ Urgent☐ For Review☐ Please Comment☐ Please Reply

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Comments: I vehemently oppose any "changes"
which would allow media consolidation, which
would allow society to be dumbed-down
even more. NO TO CHANGES!!

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June 2, 2003

Chairman and Commissioners:

I urge you to **vote against** the proposed changes in ownership of media companies and outlets.

Now that the public is just beginning to be aware of the momentous changes proposed, and now that its sentiment is just beginning to be made clear, you owe it to the American people to retain the current regulations and vote to oppose any changes.

Your job is to represent the people, not the corporations. I find it troubling to learn that commission members have participated in trips paid for by industry members. It seems that you might have come to the mistaken conclusion that you work for the industry, instead of the people.

The people's interest must be preserved, and the only way to do that today is to vote no on these proposed changes.

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Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
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Re: Review of the Commission's Broadcast Ownership Rules

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Dear Chairman Powell:

It is my understanding that the Federal Communications Commission might issue a ruling as early as June 2, 2003, relaxing the ownership rules of media facilities, such as radio stations, television stations, and/or newspapers, so that more concentrated ownership could result. It is important to our democracy that citizens and our representatives be able to review and comment upon any such rules, because access to a wide range of opinions, information, news and programming is essential to a well informed electorate. Therefore, I am requesting that the Federal Communications Commission put forward a specific proposal of changes or of new rules, and hold public hearings, to allow members of Congress and other citizens to study and comment upon any such changes or new rules before those are adopted.

In order to ensure that citizens can hear and see diverse presentations of facts and opinions, our federal agencies and laws should prevent the development of a monopoly or of a few semi-monopolies, which might present information in ways that reflect the bias of the persons in control of those few media conglomerates. Citizens need access to varied points of view in order to make thoughtful and independent decisions.

Only if the Commission issues a notice of specific proposed changes and allows for comment and debate will the public and our Congressional representatives be able to express specific positions or concerns on this matter so vitally important to the free access of information for our citizens and thus to our continued success as a democracy. This letter requests publication of proposed changes and allotment of time for their review, debate and possible amendment.

Sincerely,



Susan Kalfas

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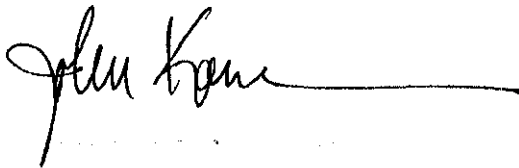
Chairman Powell,

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates.

Our democracy depends upon a diverse and robust media that ensures the free flow of information from a wide array sources and viewpoints. But recent years have been characterized by rapid consolidation in the media industry, a trend that has left us with fewer corporations controlling a larger percentage of the information upon which we base important political and personal decisions.

Please do not change the media ownership rules.

Sincerely,



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INDEPENDENT PRESS ASSOCIATION
THE ANTIDOTE TO MONOPOLY MEDIA

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To: FCC Commissioners From: Indep. Press Assoc

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RE: Independent Press Association Opposes Further Weakening of FCC Cross-Ownership Rules

Dear Commissioners:

The Independent Press Association (IPA) is a national organization representing over 430 independently published magazines and community newspapers that reach more than 15 million citizens in the United States. On behalf of our members, we are writing to oppose proposed FCC rule changes that would permit large corporations to increase the number of media outlets they may own in the same market.

IPA member publications provide news, local community coverage, and cultural information that represents a refreshing alternative to the magazine and newspaper content produced by large media conglomerates. Despite the fact that IPA member publications enjoy great popularity among their advertisers and readers, they struggle daily to survive against built-in obstacles to free-market competition that have already been erected by the big-media establishment.

For example, most of our member publications do not have access to the same mass-distribution networks that corporate media giants enjoy because distributors receive heavy incentives to concentrate their efforts on a few large titles owned by the major publishers. Similarly, IPA members are at a decided disadvantage in competing for advertising dollars against well-financed and well-staffed advertising networks run by the large media conglomerates.

These marketplace disadvantages are significant enough on their own that government does not need to add to this competitive burden. In particular, our members are seriously concerned that relaxed rules on corporate media cross-ownership would create an extremely hostile commercial environment in which independently owned publications would be forced to sell out to media conglomerates or else be driven out of business.

Furthermore, we question the role FCC leadership is playing in representing the public's

interest in a free and fair media marketplace. FCC chairman Michael Powell has repeatedly stated that the proliferation of new media distribution channels such as cable television and the Internet has rendered current media ownership rules obsolete. Meanwhile, respected news sources such as ABC's *Nightline* report that approximately 75% of new media capacity is owned by the top 6 media conglomerates. Even big-media executives such as USA Interactive's Barry Diller have rejected Powell's line of reasoning out of hand. We feel it is indefensible for FCC leadership to pursue arguments that are so decidedly at odds with the facts.

Since its inception, American democracy has been nurtured and protected by a diverse and independent media. Nothing in today's political and economic environment suggests that it's time to throw out this fundamental principle. Nevertheless, in the face of broad-based opposition to his position, FCC chairman Powell has acted to cut off debate on these ownership rules changes. We urge him, and the current administration, to reflect upon the far-reaching implications of his actions, and to listen to the vast majority of media professionals and concerned citizens who oppose this attack on the underpinnings of our society.

Sincerely,

Richard Landry
Executive Director, Independent Press Association

Lucia Hwang
Chair, IPA Board of Directors

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This is to express my deep concern for the action this commission plans to take on June 2nd.

Eroding the regulations regarding media ownership is a terrible idea.

I urge you to consider the public you serve, and not just the voices of the industry giants.

Sincerely,

Doug Leonard

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May 28, 2003

Dear FCC Commissioner Kevin J. Martin,

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Democracy is built on the idea that the views and beliefs of an informed citizenry are the best basis for political decision-making. Without access to fair and balanced news, the political system simply doesn't work.

Media corporations cannot be trusted to balance themselves. They have shown, again and again, that they're willing to sacrifice journalism to improve the bottom line. That's why we need many media entities - to keep each other honest and to provide the information and ideas that make democracy happen.

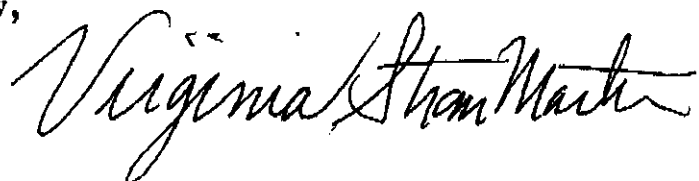
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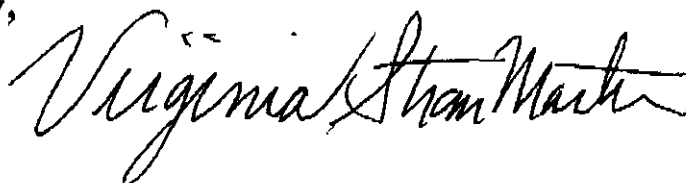
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Mr. Michael Powell
Chairman
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VIA FACSIMILE: (202) 418-0710

Dear Chairman Powell:

I wish to go on record as being adamantly, indeed vehemently, against proposed changes which will allow media companies to obtain more of market share by owning more outlets.

News reporting especially is dependent upon a number of varied sources and approaches. Allowing media giants to control too many media outlets, and therefore the tone and type of news delivered, is an absolutely appalling thought. It is no exaggeration to say that it smacks of "state-controlled" media such as we saw in the former Soviet Union and still in China today. While the U.S. government does not have a *direct* hand in determining news content and delivery, it is certainly true that any media giant which supports a particular administration could easily seek to control the news flow to support their particular point of view. I speak not of Republicans vs. Democrats, but of *any* "current regime" in charge.

I urge you NOT to allow this to happen. Once this genie is out of the bottle, it would be nearly impossible to get it back in. A very dangerous and disheartening proposition indeed.

Very truly yours,



Irene Merrill
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Commissioner Copps:

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Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Powell,

I am writing to strongly urge you to delay the June 2nd vote on FCC rules around Media ownership. There has not been nearly enough public and democratic debate on this issue, and I am very concerned that this vote will not be representative of the people's true wishes unless democratic and free debate is allowed, and unless further time is allowed to allow the democratic process to occur. I am against any measure which would allow large conglomerates to own more and more television and radio stations, because I firmly believe that the public airwaves, which you and I and the rest of the American people own, should be used for no other reason than the lively and varied democratic discussion of local, state, national, and international issues that diverse ownership would promote. As it is currently, a handful of huge corporations own by far most of the tv and radio stations across our nation. Our public airwaves should not be owned or regulated by a few very wealthy and business oriented individuals.

Nevertheless, if you allow more time for public debate on this issue, the outcome of any such vote by the FCC would at least be regarded as more fair, and at least a government organization like the FCC would be able to say that it followed the true democratic process and allowed public debate on this issue.

Moreover, the public has not even been privy to the text or substance of the rule that could overturn the existing rules on media ownership. Since the airwaves are owned by the American public, the public has the right and must necessary see the text of such rule or rules so that it can enter the debate on media regulation, ownership, and consolidation. There is no good reason whatsoever for you to rush to a vote on this issue as you have been doing.

CNN reported on Tuesday that you would not accept further comment on this issue, and that you have all but closed your ears and eyes to public debate. The CNN broadcaster, in an interview, even went so far as to state that "there's no hope" on this issue, and his interviewee agreed with him. This is not the kind of behavior on the FCC's part that would allow the democratic process to work, and the government and its agencies exist to preserve such democratic process for

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the people, for whom the government exists! Please prove CNN wrong, Mr. Powell, and let our democracy work in the way that it is truly meant to work.

Sincerely,

Carole Marcacci
Acton, Massachusetts

May 30, 2003

Chairman Michael Powell
Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy
Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Kevin J. Martin
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein

Dear Mr. Powell:

You were recently quoted as stating: "I think we're one of the most heavily lobbied federal institutions in the government, probably second only to the United States Congress. I don't, by the way, think that's a particularly good thing."

I will remind you that public involvement in decision making is what democracy is all about. Democracy also relies on a free press.


I am opposed to media consolidation and I find it incredible that you have refused to even release the actual language of the rule change.

Your deliberate disregard for the views and opinions of the American People is appalling.

I urge you to postpone the vote on this important decision in order to honor Congress' request to allow them some time to discuss the impact of this change.

You, Sir, while you hold the Chairman's position with the FCC remain a Public Servant. You should proceed accordingly.

Sincerely,


Francie Miller
PO Box 1550
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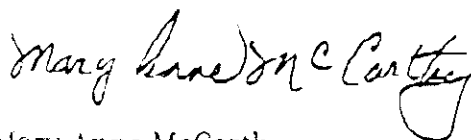
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein, Commissioner
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Dear Commissioner Adelstein:

Thank you for your dedication to the public interest. Thank you for organizing hearings across the country to let the citizens know about and comment upon the FCC's proposed changes in media ownership rules. Without your and Commissioner Copp's tireless efforts, the vote would have been held earlier this year, and almost everyone in the country would have been stunned when the tidal wave of mergers struck.

Instead, your efforts have generated a tidal wave of letters from the public opposing deregulation. I hope we have all made a difference.

Sincerely,



Mary Anne McCarthy